

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) In a device for measuring a level of a fluid in a container with a container bottom, in particular in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, with an acoustic guide conduit provided in the container and with at least one ultrasonic transducer disposed close to one end of the acoustic guide conduit for generating ultrasonic pulses and for receiving the ultrasonic pulses reflected in the region of a fluid level in the container, the improvement wherein the acoustic guide conduit (2) comprises a horizontal ~~or inclined~~ approach region (11) at said one end of the acoustic guide conduit and disposed close to the container bottom (12).
2. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the approach region (11) extends in a straight line or is coiled.
3. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is disposed on a side wall (10) of the container (1).
4. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~In a device for measuring a level of a fluid in a container with a container bottom, in particular in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, with an acoustic guide conduit provided in the container and with at least one ultrasonic transducer disposed close to one end of the acoustic guide conduit for generating ultrasonic pulses and for~~

~~receiving the ultrasonic pulses reflected in the region of a fluid level in the container, the~~
~~improvement~~ wherein the acoustic guide conduit (2) comprises at least one bend (15, 27) with
a respective deflection (13, 13.1) and/or at least one straight region (29) with a conduit slope
angle (25).

5. (Original) The device according to claim 4, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is disposed
at a container bottom (12) of the container (1).

6. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is disposed
outside the container (1).

7. (Original) The device according to claim 4, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is disposed
outside the container (1).

8. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is disposed
inside the container (1).

9. (Original) The device according to claim 4, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is disposed
inside the container (1).

10. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is a
transmitter and receiver at the same time.

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11. (Original) The device according to claim 4, wherein the ultrasonic transducer (3) is a transmitter and receiver at the same time.

12. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the acoustic guide conduit (2) has at least one reference reflection surface (19).

13. (Original) The device according to claim 4, wherein the acoustic guide conduit (2) has at least one reference reflection surface (19).

14. (Original) The device according to claim 1, wherein the acoustic guide conduit (2) has at least two openings (17).

15. (Original) The device according to claim 4, wherein the acoustic guide conduit (2) has at least two openings (17).